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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW-
EGYPTIAN PRESSURE ON RED SHIELD PROPOSAL

REF: STATE 104429

1. HEAD OF EGYPTIAN DEL (PROF. SULTAN) SAW ALDRICH MAY ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM FON MIN FAHMY. EGYPTIANS ARE VERY DISTURBED AT PROSPECT THAT ISRAELIS MAY INSIST ON A VOTE THIS WEEK ON THEIR PROPOSAL FOR RECIGNITION OF RED SHIELD OF DAVID. ACCORDING TO SULTAN, FAHMY ALLEGES THIS WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH AN AMERICAN, EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI UNDERSTANDING (UNDEFINED) THAT CONTENTIOUS ISSUES WHICH ARE EXTRANEOUS TO SEARCH FOR PEACE WILL NOT BE RAISED BY EITHER ISRAEL OR EGYPT. ALTHOUGH FAHMY HOPES THAT WE SHALL BE SUCCESSFUL IN CONVINCING ISRAELIS NOT TO DAMAND A VOTE, HE REQUESTS

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THAT, IF WE FAIL, WE SHOW OUR DISPLEASURE BY ABSTAINING ON THE VOTE.

2. ALDRICH ASSURED SULTAN THAT HE WOULD REPORT THIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON, BUT HE NOTED THAT WE HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES TO GOI AND HAD MADE THEM PUBLIC THAT WE WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF RECOGNITION OF THE SHIELD IF THE ISSUE, CONTRARY TO OUR ADVICE, CAME TO

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A VOTE. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, NO CHANGE IN THE U.S.
VOTE COULD BE EXPECTED.

3. WE DO NOT, RPT NOT, RECOMMEND ANY CHANGE IN OUR POSITION,
WHICH IN ANY CASE IS THE CORRECT POSITION, BUT WE DO THINK IT
MAY MAKE IT DESIRABLE FOR US TO PRESS THE ISRAELIS SLIGHTLY HARDER
THAN SEEMS TO BE INTENDED BY REFTEL. THE MAIN PROBLEM IS NOT,
AS REFTEL INDICATES, POSSIBLE PREJUDICE TO CONTINUED DE FACTO
RECOGNITION, BUT RATHER THE FURTHER POISONINGOF THE
ATMOSPHERE IN ISRAEL FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS THAT AN OVERWHELMING
VOTE AGAINST THEM ON THIS ISSUE WOULD BRING, PARTICULARLY
WHEN COUPLED WITH PUBLIC SETBACKS IN WHO AND OTHER FORUMS.
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